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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:GREEK AMBASSADOR CALL REGARDING UN SECURITY COUNCIL
DEBATE

1. AM0ASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED ON EUR/SE DIRECTOR
EAGLETON AUGUST 12 TO CONVEY POINTS WHICH FOREIGN MINIS-
TER BITSIOS HAD REQUESTED HE MAKE TO USG. EAGLETON SAT
IN FOR DEP. ASST. SEC. LAINGEN WHO WAS OCCUPIED ELSE-
WHERE AT THE TIME.

2. ALEXANDRAKIS SAID BITSIOS HAD ASKED HIM TO MAKE THIS
SPECIAL APPROACH BECAUSE "EVERYTHING DEPENDED ON THE US
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POSITION". SPECIFICALLY, GREECE REQUESTED THAT THE US NOT

GO INTO THE LEGAL ISSUES DURING THE SECURITY COUNCIL SESSIONS. ANY US STATEMENT ON THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE AEGEAN PROBLEM WOULD BE PICKED UP IN THE ATHENS PRESS AND CREATE A BAD PUBLIC ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US.

3. RATHER, IT WAS HOPED, ALEXANDRAKIS CONTINUED, THAT THE US WOULD CONCENTRATE ON CALLING FOR BOTH SIDES TO AVOID ANY ACTIONS WHILE THE AEGEAN QUESTION WAS BEING DISCUSSED. ALSO US SUPPORT IN CONVINCING OTHER PARTIES THAT THE LEGAL QUESTION SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ) WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

MOREOVER, ALEXANDRAKIS HOPED THE US WOULD WORK TOWARD A RESOLUTION CALLING ON TURKEY TO ACCEPT THE COMPETENCE OF THE ICJ ON THIS MATTER.

4. EAGLETON TOLD ALEXANDRAKIS THAT WE SHARED GREECE'S VIEW THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS NOT THE FORUM TO GET INTO THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE AEGEAN QUESTION. AS FOR REFERRING THE MATTER TO THE ICJ, THE US RECOGNIZED THAT THAT INSTITUTION COULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN THE DISPUTE ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS NECESSARILY THE LOGICAL FIRST STEP. BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WERE ALSO WORTH EXPLORING.

5. ALEXANDRAKIS AGREED ON LATTER POINT, SAYING GREECE HOPED THAT RESULT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS AND IT WAS HIS BELIEF THAT THAT COINCIDED WITH US OBJECTIVES. EAGLETON CONCURRED IN THIS STATEMENT. KISSINGER

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